



Episcopal Church of the Trinity

323 East Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, PA 19320

Community Service Notes



Coatesville Community Garden

Now in its fifth year of operation, the Garden continues to provide a source of fresh produce for Coatesville residents. Trinity maintains two raised beds in the Garden. From them, we have harvested over 100 pounds of produce that we delivered to the Coatesville Food Coop and the Salvation Army. Lettuce, kale, collards, Swiss chard, cabbage, mustard greens, and assorted peppers have been harvested so far this year. This is just the harvest from our two beds; many other organizations and families also have beds in the Garden and are enjoying fresh produce during the growing season.

What's Cookin' in Coatesville

The "What's Cookin' in Coatesville" program is a free healthy meal, served at the Church on the first Monday of every month, and is open to the Coatesville community. The meal includes a demo of preparing the meal by the head chef. Sponsoring partners are the Chester County Food Bank and the Chester County Department of Health, along with donations from others. All work is done by volunteers. These meals are attended by an average of 45-50 people each month.

Veterans' Brunch

On the last Sunday of each month, our dedicated volunteers provide food, time and money to serve up a varied and plentiful buffet to our local veterans, including many from the Coatesville VA Hospital. This meal is provided free to the veterans. Average attendance is 60 per month.

Fresh2you Mobile Market

From July through November, this program of the Chester County Food Bank visits the Community Garden every Monday morning to sell fresh produce and other healthy foods to Coatesville residents. They also provide cooking and nutritional education.

Balance Workshop

Beginning in September, we are hosting a balance workshop in our social hall. A facilitator from the Chester County Department of Aging Services comes to Trinity to teach techniques and exercises that help in maintaining balance. As we age, balance becomes a more prominent issue in our lives and the fear of falling more real; this seminar is a real help to our older friends and neighbors. This program is free.

Addiction Programs

Trinity is pleased to host the weekly meetings of the Coatesville chapters of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Narcotics Anonymous (NA). AA meets in our social hall on Thursday evenings and NA meets there on Saturday mornings. These programs have been meeting at Trinity for over fifteen years now, and have provided their healing ministry to many Coatesville residents.

Free Food Distribution

Every Thursday afternoon, our friends from Towerville Christian Church use our Social Hall to distribute food to Coatesville residents. Each family receives a box with enough food to feed a family for four to five days; seventy-five boxes are given out each week. This food is provided free of charge by a Christian food bank in Ephrata. Our social hall was chosen as the distribution point because of our central location in downtown Coatesville.

Coatesville Revitalization Project

With all the positive energy flowing and City and County officials involved, things are really looking up for Coatesville! Plans are moving ahead for the train station restoration, the construction of two parking garages, and the streetscape project for Third Avenue (next to our Community Garden). Legend Properties is planning to build a new mixed commercial and residential complex on Lincoln Highway at First Avenue.



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Social Hall Renovations

The renovations to our Social Hall (Stone Hall) are complete. We removed the stage that was at one end of the hall, and used that space for a new storage room and a handicapped-accessible restroom. In conjunction with the access ramp on the outside of the building, our Sanctuary and Social Hall are now fully handicapped-accessible! The Hall also features a built-in sound system with drop-down projection screen and projector. This system can be used for showing movies, and projecting images from laptop computers: the Hall can be used for meetings of up to 100 people, including business meetings. A full kitchen is also available as part of the Social Hall.

This renovated space is available for use by any group in the community; its use is not limited to church functions. It has become very popular for family functions, including re-unions, receptions of several kinds, and parties of many types. Most Saturday afternoon and/or evenings, the hall is booked several months in advance. Sunday afternoon and evening events are also being booked, as well as weekday evening events (usually Friday evenings). We are very pleased to make this space available for Coatesville residents to celebrate the big family events in their lives!

If you would like to use our Social Hall for an event, simply contact the Church Office at 610-384-4771. Linda Flamer, our Parish Administrator, will be happy to assist you.

Here are some photos of the Hall set up for two recent events; the picture in the header is of a recent Veteran's Brunch in the Hall.



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